

Dr. Jackson's walk with Christ began on October 26, 1968. That day, Dr. Jackson made the solemn decision to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior and devote his whole life to serving God.

Dr. Jackson has said that he "knew about Jesus before October 1968, but on that morning when I knew myself to be lost and turned to Jesus Christ in faith, I was converted by the grace of God."

Through 40 years at Whitesburg Baptist, Dr. Jackson has remained committed to leading people in the Rocket City and Alabama to Christ and has been integral in the spiritual life of the people of the Tennessee Valley.

Under Dr. Jackson's leadership, Whitesburg Baptist Church has grown to 7,100 members, making it one of the largest and most successful churches in the Tennessee Valley.

In Matthew 28, verses 19 and 20, Jesus instructed his disciples to "therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. . . ." Dr. Jackson has lived this Great Commission through his long pastoral career at Whitesburg Baptist and in our community and the broader Christian faith.

In addition to presiding over Whitesburg Baptist Church, Dr. Jackson served in a number of distinguished capacities, including but not limited to: the executive committee of the Alabama State Board of Missions, the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, a trustee of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and on the board of regents of the University of Mobile.

I commend Dr. Jimmy Jackson on his exceptional career and service to God. I wish Dr. Jackson many years of happiness as he begins this new phase of life with his bride of nearly 58 years, Bobbi; his children; his grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren.

HONORING OFFICER ROBERT SHAWN PITTS OF THE TERRE HAUTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUCSHON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and service of Officer Robert Shawn Pitts of Terre Haute Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Officer Pitts was born in Vincennes, Indiana, and dedicated his life to the security and protection of his community. He proudly served with the Terre Haute Police Department for the past 16 years and with the Sullivan Police Department for 6 years prior to joining the force in Terre Haute. He was also a member of the Special Response Team and the U.S. Marshals Task Force.

I want to extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Officer Pitts, especially

his three children: Brooke, Austin, and Dakota.

Law enforcement personnel across this country go to work every day to serve and protect our communities. These brave men and women risk everything to keep our cities and our families safe and secure. Events like these are somber reminders of what heroes who stand on the thin blue line and their families sacrifice on our behalf.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 19 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Help us, this day, to draw closer to You, so that with Your spirit and aware of Your presence among us, we may all face the tasks of this day.

Bless the Members of the people's House. Help them to think clearly, speak confidently, and act courageously in the belief that all noble service is based upon patience, truth, and love.

Earlier today, we remembered the fallen heroes of our Capitol Police force: Sergeant Christopher Eney, Detective John Gibson, Officer Jacob Chestnut, and Sergeant Clinton Holtz. May their families be consoled knowing that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for another.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Puerto Rico (Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING THOSE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks that the House now observe a moment of silence in honor of those who have been killed or wounded in service to our country and all those who serve and their families.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 208(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 5501(a)), the Chair appoints Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon to act as and to exercise temporarily the duties of Chaplain of the House of Representatives, effective Friday, May 25, 2018.

Will Father Conroy please come forward and take the oath of office.

Father Conroy appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING CASA FAMILIA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Casa Familia, a nonprofit organization in my congressional district dedicated to serving individuals with special needs.

Casa Familia was founded by eight families with special needs children, and I am proud to have known one of the founders, Lourdes Sanchez, for many, many years. They came together to solve a very real problem in south Florida: the lack of affordable, quality housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, or IDD.

Sadly, close to 1 million Floridians are diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability and are unable to live independently. That is where Casa Familia comes in. This outstanding organization provides affordable housing solutions, vocational

training, and employment services for adults with IDD.

Casa Familia is also planning an integrated residential community that will offer a variety of recreational activities and educational programs to ensure that residents continue to grow and develop.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank everyone at Casa Familia for all that they do to improve the lives of so many individuals and help them achieve their full potential.

COMPLIANCE ASPECT OF NUCLEAR DEAL

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, just a few years ago, there was serious deliberation, prayer, much review, the utilization of experts as the House of Representatives voted for the Iran deal of the P5+6. I remember extensive deliberations and the probing of experts on the compliance aspect of this nuclear deal.

As I speak, the President has announced a pullout—or will be announcing such, I think—with drastic consequences. It is certainly appropriate to look at bilateral agreements, but to all that have reviewed, Iran is complying with this agreement. As we approach North Korea, it will be baffling to them as we try to engage in a final agreement.

This is not about campaign pledges or your dislike for the former President of the United States. It is about the safety and security of the world and the containment of nuclear products and the utilization of such.

So I would argue that the Congress needs to stand up, make good on its commitments, protect the American people and the world from nuclear catastrophe.

THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as President Donald Trump is set to make an announcement this afternoon regarding the failed nuclear agreement with Iran, I want to again express my continued opposition to this deal and thank President Trump for his determination.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has revealed compelling revelations in the last week of Iranian duplicity. This was a reckless and dangerous deal from the start. It never served the interests of American families, and it continues to threaten the safety and security of our allies, especially Israel.

In just 7 years, there will be nothing stopping the Iranian dictatorship from constructing nuclear weapons as they chant “death to Israel, death to America” while they oppress the Iranian people.

In addition, President Obama authorized a cash ransom of \$1.7 billion to Iran to release five innocent Americans. This deal promoted Iran’s monetary support for terrorist groups Hezbollah, Hamas, and militias that plant IEDs to murder Americans.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK MESIAH

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend Frank Messiah, the recently deceased former longtime president of the Buffalo NAACP.

After serving in the United States Armed Forces, Frank returned to Buffalo in 1950, where he would serve in law enforcement and education and would take on discrimination cases for the State Department of Labor.

Frank left an indelible mark on Buffalo, dedicating his life to fighting discrimination. Frank was a leader passionately committed to positive change. Frank was instrumental in the desegregation of Buffalo public schools and the successful integration of the Buffalo Police Department.

Western New York is grateful for Frank’s lifetime of tireless work to advance the cause of justice and equality, the impact of which we and future generations will feel for years to come.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF PUERTO RICO AIR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

(Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday, the Puerto Rico Air National Guard tragically lost nine of its finest near Savannah, Georgia.

The people of Puerto Rico, especially the close-knit family of our Air Guard, share the terrible pain and join in prayer for the families of Major Jose Roman Rosado, Major Carlos Perez Serra, First Lieutenant David Albandoz, Senior Master Sergeant Jan Paravisini, Master Sergeant Jean Audriffred, Master Sergeant Mario Brana, Master Sergeant Victor Colon, Master Sergeant Eric Circuns, and Senior Airman Roberto Espada, all fallen in the line of duty.

Like all members of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard, they are an example of the best in the long tradition of Puerto Ricans in the U.S. Armed Forces. They risked and gave their lives like many others before them, serving the Nation and a community that is shattered by their loss. We are proud of their service.

As we mourn our heroes, let’s commit ourselves to honor their sacrifice

by giving their comrades in arms the adequate resources and support to do so.

God grant our fellow warriors rest, and may His eternal light shine upon them.

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

(Mr. O’HALLERAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. O’HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on National Teacher Appreciation Day to praise the work of educators and school staff in Arizona and across the Nation. These men and women are shaping the lives of our children and preparing them at every educational level for a successful future.

I am married to a teacher, Mr. Speaker, and she and all teachers will tell you that there is no such thing as a former teacher; they are educators for life.

I am grateful for the teachers I have had over the years, and I am proud to stand with Arizona and America’s teachers as they demand adequate pay for the important work they do.

Investing in education will spur economic growth, create jobs in communities across the country, and allow future generations to thrive.

Mr. Speaker, we must do more to support our schools, our educators, and our students.

LEGISLATION NEEDED FOR DIGITAL CURRENCY

(Mr. DAVIDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss digital currency, particularly initial coin offerings.

These innovations have outpaced regulators and the courts. Now, regulators and courts are beginning to weigh in.

Meeting with agency officials and industry leaders makes one thing clear: Making the markets work in the United States of America requires legislative certainty. Failure for Congress to act produces uncertainty, and that will drive capital and innovation offshore.

Our task is to answer questions like: How are these tokens traded? Are they securities or commodities? Who is the proper regulator? How do we prevent fraud? These are just some of the questions that need answers.

Congress needs to act by passing legislation that creates certainty and turns the United States into a market maker. I intend to lead this legislation for initial coin offerings to clarify the role of regulators, protect consumers, address national security concerns, and facilitate a pro-growth environment for businesses to raise capital here in America.